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REQUEST FOR FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEW

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I am in receipt of a final office action on this application, mailed 6/24/03. It appears that the major point of disagreement between the examiner and the applicants regards the definition of the term "age-event information" that occurs in independent claims 1, 14 and 18. As stated in the applicant's response of 4/14/03, I believe that the term, as defined in the application, sufficiently narrows these independent claims such that the prior art cited by the examiner is inapposite to a determination of whether the invention is patentable. As evidenced by the 6/24/03 response, the examiner continues to believe that the original independent claims overlap with the cited prior art.

In our 4/14/03 response, as a pro se inventor, I also included a conditional request for constructive assistance, reproduced below:

Conditional request for constructive assistance

Based on the arguments herein, the specification and claims of this application are proper, definite, and define novel subject matter which is also non-obvious. If, for any reason, this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, the constructive assistance and suggestions of the examiner pursuant to MPEP 2173.02 and 707.07 (j) are requested in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

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The 6/24/03 final office action contained no response to this request.

I would like to meet face-to-face with the examiner to resolve these issues, with the following general agenda:

1. Discussion of the definition of "age-event information," as defined in the specification, and its relevance to the prior art cited by the examiner.
2. Assuming continued disagreement regarding the definition of "age-event information" and its relevance to the cited prior art and claims, discussion of whether inclusion of the definition (sufficiently narrow to clearly distinguish this application from the prior art cited by the examiner) of this term in independent claims 1, 14, and 20 would place the application in a condition for allowance. For example, claim 1 could be modified as follows to explicitly include this definition:

1. A computer-implemented method for providing a user with age-event information comprising:
 - a) receiving an input signal comprising age information; and
 - b) providing an output signal comprising age-event information corresponding to said age information,

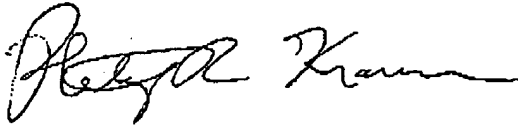
wherein said age information comprises information related to the age of a first individual and said age-event information comprises information regarding an event that occurred in the life of a second individual when said second individual was at an age related to the age of said first individual.

3. If this approach would not be considered acceptable, I would like to receive any additional constructive assistance that the examiner can provide, as originally requested in my response of 4/14/03.

4. Discussion of any other outstanding issues that, in the view of the examiner, need to be resolved before a patent can be allowed.

I am available to meet with you at most times during regular business hours, but of course, would like to meet as soon as possible based on the 3-month deadline for response to the final office action of 6/24/03. You may contact me either at (301) 365-8555, or on my cellular telephone at (301) 922-2592.

Very respectfully,



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